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**TUFTED BACKING AND METHOD OF
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2. A copy of each patent, publication or other information listed on the modified PTO form 1449 is enclosed.

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